

ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and



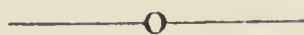
Chief Public Health Inspector  
and Housing Manager

for the year

1969



# ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Councillor J. D. Mitton

## *Vice-Chairman of Council*

Councillor G. D. Stratford

## **Public Health Committee**

### *Chairman*

Councillor G. D. Stratford

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| <i>Medical Officer of Health:</i>                              | I. H. C. Morton, M.B., Ch.B.,<br>D.P.H., D.Obst. |
| <i>Chief Public Health Inspector<br/>and Housing Manager :</i> | D. M. Ling, C.S.I.B., M.R.S.H.,<br>M.A.P.H.I.    |
| <i>Additional Public Health<br/>Inspector:</i>                 | J. G. Hughes, M.A.P.H.I.                         |
| <i>Clerical Assistant:</i>                                     | J. J. McCarthy                                   |
| <i>Rodent Operator:</i>                                        | J. B. Potts                                      |
| <i>Aged Persons' Warden:</i>                                   | Mrs. D. Castleman<br>Mrs. V. Gardner             |

ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,  
COUNCIL OFFICES,  
HIGH STREET, ALTON, HANTS.

**REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1969**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for 1969, prepared according to the instructions of the Department of Health.

The results of Measles vaccination appear as a drop in the number of cases reported, but as described below it has not been quite as successful as in neighbouring Districts.

Influenza appeared in December, as throughout the Country, and there were numerous cases. Deaths from respiratory diseases generally remained about last year's level.

Only four cases of Venereal Disease were recorded but figures for the whole country show a steady increase over the last few years, particularly in Gonorrhoea. There can be little doubt that one very important cause of this is the modern "permissive" attitude towards sexual behaviour ; and still less doubt that raising of moral standards is the most important remedy.

In October, the Medical Officer of Health for Aldershot M.B., and Farnborough, Fleet and Hartley Wintney Districts resigned and I was asked to act for him until a successor was found.

I must express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their encouragement and support and also to Mr Ling and my staff for their never-failing loyalty and attention to duty.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

I. H. C. MORTON,

Medical Officer of Health.



## Part 1

### General

Discussions have continued with Hampshire County Council on the town plan, and a fair measure of disagreement has been reached. It seems that the plan will now go ahead regardless of local opinion.

Private building continues on existing planning and the town is growing steadily to the north-west.

Re-building of the sewage works is well advanced. The first step was the provision of a tertiary treatment area and the existing outflow has been diverted on to it. Despite the increased load from the town's development the effluent is considerably better than Royal Commission standard.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population at mid-year is 10,860, 400 more than last year and the biggest annual increase yet recorded. It is interesting to recall the population figures over past years.

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1932 — 7114 | 1962 — 9080  |
| 1946 — 8138 | 1964 — 9600  |
| 1950 — 8170 | 1966 — 10100 |
| 1955 — 8670 | 1968 — 10460 |
| 1960 — 8930 | 1969 — 10860 |

The last ten years have seen more growth than the previous thirty.

### Health of the Town

#### Infectious Diseases

##### Measles

There were 101 cases in the early months of the year, as against 155 in 1967 and 192 in 1964. Measles vaccination was introduced in May 1968 but, as reported last year, the public response was not very good. There has certainly not been the dramatic drop in numbers of cases which has happened in other districts

##### Food Poisoning

A few sporadic cases appeared during the summer, due to the usual strains of *S. typhimurium* and one of Type 20 which was not previously known locally.

A small outbreak of *Cl. Welchii* in the autumn was an echo of an incident in another district. The last recorded case was in 1962.

##### Venereal Diseases

There were no cases of Syphilis.

Four cases of Gonorrhoea were known and one of unspecified vaginitis, all over 21 years old.

### Tuberculosis

One pulmonary case was reported, a man of 57.

### Infectious Diseases notified during the past five years

|                       | 1965           | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
|-----------------------|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Scarlet Fever         | 1              | -    | 2    | 6    | 1    |
| Whooping Cough        | -              | -    | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Measles (192 in 1964) | 19             | 79   | 155  | 5    | 101  |
| Dysentery             | -              | -    | 384  | -    | -    |
| Food Poisoning        | -              | -    | -    | -    | 10   |
| Infectious Hepatitis  | not notifiable |      |      | 9    | -    |

### Causes of Death

The total number remains at last years higher level.

Of the five infant deaths, four were due to congenital abnormalities and one to difficult labour.

### Immunisation

The programme introduced in 1968 remains in use.

The following table shows the immunisations recorded during the year :

| Date of Birth       | Triple |       | Diph./Tet. |       | Polio |       |
|---------------------|--------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                     | Prim.  | Bstr. | Prim.      | Bstr. | Prim. | Bstr. |
| 1969                | 18     | -     | -          | -     | 16    | -     |
| 1968                | 105    | 9     | -          | 2     | 111   | 5     |
| 1967                | 8      | 23    | -          | 11    | 11    | 9     |
| 1966                | 4      | 7     | -          | -     | 6     | 7     |
| 1962/65             | -      | 32    | -          | 145*  | 10    | 148   |
| Others,<br>under 16 | -      | 4     | -          | 20*   | -     | 29    |
| Totals              | 135    | 75    | -          | 178   | 154   | 198   |

| Date of Birth      | Measles | Age      | Smallpox |          |
|--------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
|                    |         |          | Prim.    | Re-vacc. |
| 1969               | -       | Under    |          |          |
| 1968               | 15      | 17 years | 9        | -        |
| 1967               | 61      | 1 year   | 115      | -        |
| 1966               | 37      | 2-4      | 27       | 8        |
| 1962/65            | 133     | 5-15     | 14       | 43       |
| Others<br>under 16 | -       |          |          |          |
| Totals             | 246     |          | 165      | 51       |

\*4 of these received Diptheria only



## **B.C.G.**

|                                               |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of children of 13 and over HEAF tested | 82 |
| Number found positive                         | 10 |
| Number given B.C.G.                           | 68 |

## **Hospital Services**

The first stage of the new District Hospital at Basingstoke was opened. Besides medical and surgical facilities it provides an Accidents Dept., and an Intensive Care Unit.

The Lord Mayor Treloar continues to provide general services but there have again been difficulties in maintaining a full-time Casualty Dept.

The Maternity Unit continues in Alton General Hospital.

Plans are now advanced for building a Health Centre for the use of General Practitioners.

## **The Elderly**

Work has started on the County Council's new Residential Home. It is hoped that this will enable certain former Alton residents to move back to the town from Homes elsewhere.

## **Family Planning**

I am indebted to Dr. Margaret Lloyd of the Alton Branch of the Family Planning Association for the following notes :

The Clinic now has over 1,000 patients on the books. About two thirds use the pill, although there was a swing away from it late in the year when the question of thrombosis was being raised. Many Family Planning doctors think that young women in particular should learn the diaphragm method as an alternative.

Several husbands have had the sterilisation operation with apparent good results.

Over 200 cervical smears were done, one of which needed further investigation. This service is available to any woman quite separately from planning.

Advice is also given on sub-fertility and on marital difficulties.

## **Health Education**

The films and talks on "Learning to live" & on Venereal disease were again given as part of the series conducted by the local schools.

Prevention of drug abuse is now an important topic and talks were given in schools and are available for Parents Associations and similar groups.

Current posters on Food Hygiene, Accidents to Children, etc., were distributed during the appropriate seasons.

## **Meals on Wheels**

I am indebted to the County Welfare Department for the following notes :

The number of meals served was 2,216 - over 200 more than last year. About 20 people receive them and the cost to recipients is held at 1/6.

Once again I must record appreciation of the work of the volunteers who deliver the meals and of the interest of the Proprietor of the Alton House Hotel, who does the catering.

## **Home Help Services**

Figures are available only for the combined Urban and Rural districts.

There were 21 Home Helps and 14 Good Neighbours employed.

154 people received help, of whom 129 were aged or chronic sick.

Only 7 were post-hospital cases.

The future policy of the new District Hospitals will be to discharge patients as early as possible to finish treatment at home. This will lead to a great increase in the demand for Home Helps, and the County Health Department is seeking the means of meeting it. It is unfortunate that this most important service is now being removed from Health Department control under the Seebohm re-organisation of the Social Services.

## **Swimming Bath**

This has been regularly inspected and despite heavy use during the season has always produced satisfactory samples.

## **National Assistance Act, 1948**

No action was required

## **Water Supplies**

The sources are all underground, in chalk or lower greensand. Quantities have been adequate.

The number of supplies at 31.12.69 was 3,729

The number of standpipes was NIL

Fluoride content is 0.1 - 0.2 ppm.

Bacteriological sampling is done weekly by the Mid-Southern Water Company and samples are always satisfactory.

Chemical composition is constant and there is no solvent-plumbo action.



## **Provision of General Health Services**

### **Ambulance**

Provided by Hampshire County Council.

Application is made as under :—

#### **Non-urgent cases**

Tel. Winchester 61644 (24 hour service)

#### **Urgent Cases**

Tel. 999

### **Child Welfare**

A Clinic is held at the Inwood Health Clinic every Tuesday and two Fridays a month from 2—4 p.m.

### **Welfare Foods**

Foods are distributed at Inwood Clinic on Tuesdays. 2—4 p.m.

### **Ante Natal**

Clinic—every Thursday at 2 p.m., at Alton General Hospital.

Relaxation Class—every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., at Inwood Clinic.

### **Family Planning**

A Clinic is held at Alton General Hospital at 2 p.m. on Thursday afternoons.

### **Health Visiting**

The Health Visitors for Alton are :—

Mrs. J. E. Morrow, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., 13, Whitedown, Alton. Tel. Alton 2097.

Miss D. McKenzie, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., c/o. East Worldham Manor. Tel. East Worldham 3191.

They are based at Inwood Clinic

Miss Williams, B.A., S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Goleigh Cotage, Selborne. Attached to practice of Drs. Larcombe, Shortt and Tomlinson.

### **Midwifery and Home Nursing**

The Nurse Midwives for Alton are :—

Miss E. J. Howton, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., The Crest, Inhams Road, Holybourne. Tel. 3213. Attached to practice of Drs. Larcombe, Shortt and Tomlinson.

Mrs. E. W. Roylance, S.R.N., 8 Hall Road, Alton. Tel. Alton 2079. All other work in Alton.

## **Home Help Service**

Application is made to the Divisional Organiser at the Town Hall, Petersfield, Tel. Petersfield 3383, accompanied by a Medical Certificate.

## **Laboratory Service**

Bacteriological examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory, Winchester, and in emergencies at the Laboratory at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital.

Chemical analysis are done by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Portsmouth.

I should like to record my thanks to the respective Directors for their kindness and co-operation.

## **School Health Service**

Clinics are held as follows :—

Orthopaedic—Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital.

E.N.T.—Alton General Hospital.

Dental—School Dental Centre, Old Odiham Road, and at Schools.

Ophthalmic and Orthoptic—Alton General Hospital and once a month at Inwood Clinic.

Speech—Inwood Clinic.

Child Guidance—Aldershot.

## **Tuberculosis**

Chest Clinics are held at :—

Aldershot—Northfield Hospital. Tel. Aldershot 21365.

Basingstoke—Basingstoke General Hospital.

Basingstoke 5001.

Winchester—Royal Hampshire County Hospital.

Tel. Winchester 63535.

## **Mass X-ray**

A weekly session (by Doctor's appointment) is held in Farnham by the Surrey Mass X-ray Unit.

Public sessions are held from time to time in Alton by the Hampshire Mass X-ray. This service is to cease after 1970.

## **Venereal Diseases**

Clinics are held at :—

Aldershot General Hospital

Men—Monday, 12—1 p.m., Wednesday, 4—6 p.m.

Women—Monday, 11—12 p.m., Wednesday, 2—4 p.m.

Winchester—Royal Hampshire County Hospital

Men and Women (separate Clinics), Monday, 2.30—4 p.m., Tuesday, 3—4.30 p.m.

## **Welfare**

The Service was re-organised during the year as under :—

Senior Area Welfare Officer—

Mr. R. H. Mealin, Warburg Lodge, Wellington Avenue,  
Aldershot. Tel. Aldershot 23941.

Area Social Worker—(Vacancy)

Paper Mill Lane, Alton. Tel. 2004.

### **Services provided by the Welfare Department cover—**

Temporary accomodation for homeless families

Preventive work to avoid evictions

Registration of private Old Peoples Homes.

Assistance to Old People in finding lodgings or private home  
accomodation.

Special Housing for Old People

Meals on Wheels and grants to Old Peoples Clubs

### **Services for the Blind—**

The Hampshire Association for Care of the Blind acts as agent  
of the County Council to provide—

Homes and other accomodation

Home teaching and Home working facilities

Wireless sets and library facilities

Shop for workers products (in Winchester)

### **Services for the Deaf—**

The Hampshire Association for the Deaf acts as agent for the  
County Council to provide services and clubs

### **Services for the Handicapped Persons generally—**

The British Red Cross Society acts as an agent to provide--

Visitors

Loan of Aids and Equipment to home workers and to disabled  
persons

Instruction in handicrafts

Clubs for disabled persons and for old people including lunch-  
eon clubs

Transport and escorts

Holidays

### **Rehabilitation of Gypsy Families**

Centres have been established (one in Bordon area) to rehabili-  
tate gypsy families as a preliminary to permanent housing by  
local authorities.



## Part II

### (STATISTICS)

#### General Statistics

|                               |     |     |     |          |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Area in Acres                 | ... | ... | ..  | 4085     |
| Rateable Value                | ... | ... | ... | £544,312 |
| Sum represented by a 1d. rate | ... | ... | ... | £2,178   |
| Population (mid 1969)         | ... | ... | ... | 10860    |

#### Medical Statistics

Rate for  
England  
& Wales

##### Live Births

|                                     |     |     |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Total Number (11 illegitimate)      | ... | ... | 226  |      |
| Rate per 1,000 population           | ... | ... | 20.8 |      |
| „ (adjusted by Comp. factor, 0.97)  | ... | ... | 20.2 | 16.3 |
| Illegitimate as percentage of Total | ... | ... | 5    | 8    |

##### Still Births

|                           |     |     |     |   |    |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|----|
| Number (all legitimate)   | ... | ... | ... | 1 |    |
| Rate per 1,000 all births | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 13 |

##### Total Births

|                |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Live and still | ... | ... | ... | ... | 227 |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

##### Deaths

|                                           |     |     |     |     |      |      |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Total Number                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 129  |      |
| Rate per 1,000 population                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11.9 |      |
| „ (adjusted by Comp. factor, 0.96)        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11.1 | 11.9 |
| Infants under 1 year (all legitimate)     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5    |      |
| Infants under 4 weeks (included in above) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3    |      |
| Infants under 1 week (included in above)  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2    |      |

##### Infant Mortality Rates (per 1,000 live births)

|                                                                      |     |     |     |    |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Total (under 1 year)                                                 | ... | ... | ... | 22 | 18 |
| Neonatal (under 4 weeks)                                             | ... | ... | ... | 13 | 12 |
| Early neonatal (under 1 week)                                        | ... | ... | ... | 9  | 10 |
| Perinatal (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 all births) | ... | ... | ... | 13 | 23 |

##### Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

|              |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Total Number | ... | ... | ... | ... | nil |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

# Causes of Death

| Cause of Death   |                                          | Male | Female | Total |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|
| B18              | Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases   | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B19 (1)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.  | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B19 (2)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...       | -    | 1      | 1     |
| B19 (3)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ... ..       | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| B19 (4)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ... ..     | 3    | 4      | 7     |
| B19 (6)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus       | 5    | -      | 5     |
| B19 (7)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ... ..        | -    | 3      | 3     |
| B19 (8)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ... ..        | -    | 1      | 1     |
| B19 (9)          | Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ... ..      | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B19(10)          | Leukaemia ... ..                         | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| B19(11)          | Other Malignant Neoplasms ... ..         | 2    | 3      | 5     |
| B20              | Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ...     | -    | 1      | 1     |
| B46 (4)          | Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.   | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B26              | Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...      | -    | 2      | 2     |
| B27              | Hypertensive Disease ... ..              | -    | 2      | 2     |
| B28              | Ischaemic Heart Disease ... ..           | 14   | 7      | 21    |
| B29              | Other Forms of Heart Disease ... ..      | 4    | 3      | 7     |
| B30              | Cerebrovascular Disease ... ..           | 7    | 10     | 17    |
| B46 (5)          | Other Diseases of Circulatory System     | 4    | 4      | 8     |
| B31              | Influenza ... ..                         | 3    | -      | 3     |
| B32              | Pneumonia ... ..                         | 5    | 4      | 9     |
| B33 (1)          | Bronchitis and Emphysema ... ..          | 9    | 2      | 11    |
| B35              | Appendicitis ... ..                      | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B36              | Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ...    | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B46 (7)          | Other Diseases of Digestive System ...   | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| B39              | Hyperplasia of Prostate ... ..           | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B46(10)          | Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System      | 1    | -      | 1     |
| B42              | Congenital Anomalies ... ..              | -    | 3      | 3     |
| B43              | Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ... | 1    | -      | 1     |
| BE47             | Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..           | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| BE48             | All Other Accidents ... ..               | -    | 1      | 1     |
| BE50             | All Other External Causes ... ..         | 2    | -      | 2     |
| Total All Causes |                                          | 73   | 56     | 129   |

The serial numbers are from List “B” of the International Classification of Diseases, 1967.

## Deaths according to ages

| Age Group | Under 1 year | 5— | 25— | 35— | 45— | 55— | 65— | 75— | 85— | 95-- | Total |
|-----------|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Male      | 2            | 2  | 3   | -   | 4   | 14  | 24  | 13  | 10  | 1    | 73    |
| Female    | 3            | -  | -   | 2   | 2   | 6   | 18  | 10  | 14  | 1    | 56    |

## **ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector/Housing Manager for the year ended 31st December, 1969**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year 1969.

This is the eve of Conservation Year - and the 'in-word' is 'Environment.' To Public Health Departments, it is the publicity of all our duties, and although 'Conservationists' will be created and no doubt aspire to great heights, it must be remembered that Public Health Departments have for decades endeavoured to achieve these ends but have had little encouragement and less help. It matters not, whether it be the Pollution of our Rivers, the Foul- ing of our Air, the Disturbance of our Peace and Quietness, or the removal of unsightly and unhygienic litter, all these problems have in the past been tackled alone. Now we can look forward to a united effort.

The Housing Act 1969 received Royal Assent in July and requests for Qualification Certificates to enable owners to increase rents were trickling in shortly after the Act came into force, other- wise the work of the department proceeded as usual.

I wish to record my thanks to Dr. Morton and the staff of the Public Health Department for their support and ready assistance during the past year.

**DUDLEY M. LING**

Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager

### **SECTION 1**

#### **Public Health Acts**

#### **Complaints**

The number of complaints registered during the year was again exceedingly small. Noise once again proved difficult to prove and abate, but it is gratifying to note that at least one busi- ness establishment has consulted a firm specialising in this type of work and my recommendations for the reduction of the nuisance are being implemented.

#### **Public Conveniences**

The Council accepted my suggestion to provide permanent drain connections in Anstey Park, in order that Mobile Toilets



may be used and connected during functions such as the Alton Agricultural Show when some 10,000 persons are in attendance. Unfortunately they were not available, or in fact was any extra toilet facilities provided when the Tug-o-War Competition was being held early in 1970, but it is to be hoped that by the time of the 1970 Autumn Show these connections will be available, making it unnecessary for the removal of sewage by tanker, at the height of the Show Jumping.

## **Factories**

The Council is responsible for enforcing those portions of the Factories Act relating to sanitary accommodation in all factories but in factories where no mechanical power is used the provisions relating to cleanliness, overcrowding, workroom temperature and floor drainage are also enforced.

The particulars prescribed on the administration of the Acts is shown in Appendix table 1.

## **The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963**

Quarterly and Annual Returns are required by the Ministry of Labour in accordance with Section 60 of the Act and the statistics are set out in Appendix Table II.

Registration is only necessary where employees work more than 21 hrs each week and family businesses employing no outside labour are exempt.

All accidents reported were investigated but no legal proceedings were considered necessary.

## **Pet Shops, Game Dealers, Scrap Metal Dealers**

All these trades require annual licences from the Council and their premises were inspected and approved before re-licencing. The lists are set out in Appendix Table III.

# **SECTION II**

## **Housing Circumstances**

### **Housing Acts**

No Statutory Notices were issued during the year but several houses were repaired following informal action.

Two requests were received for the issue of a compulsory Improvement Notice and this procedure has been commenced.

### **Improvement Area**

Only two houses now remain to be improved and these will now benefit by the increased grant allowed under the provision of the Housing Act, 1969.

## **Rent Acts**

The Register of Fair Rents is kept for inspection in the Public Health Department.

## **Moveable Dwellings**

Only two small sites are available but requests have been received for Night Halts recognised by the Caravan Club for use by its members.

## **Housing Management**

The list of allocations and exchanges are set out in Appendix Table V.

## **Special Housing for the Elderly**

The two Wardens areas continued to serve a worth-while purpose. Mrs. Hicks, deputy Warden at Victoria Road East terminated her employment to take up other full time work and Mrs. Lowe was appointed in her place.

# **SECTION III**

## **Supervision of Food and Food Premises**

### **Milk Suppliers**

All Milk retailed in the District is either "Pasteurized," "Sterilized," "Ultra Heat Treated" or "Tuberculin Tested," and licences to use these special designations are issued by the Council under powers delegated by the Hampshire County Council.

No samples were submitted for analysis by the Council as the supplies originate from other areas where routine sampling is carried out at source.

### **Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus**

No Raw or Untreated Milk is retailed in the area and no samples of milk were submitted for analysis for the presence of Brucella Abortus.

Two samples of cream were submitted for analysis and found to be negative.

### **Ice Cream**

No Ice Cream is manufactured in the area but there are 55 Premises registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream.

### **Meat Inspection**

The Slaughterhouse at Kent Lane continued to operate under the Management of Alton Meats Ltd., a subsidiary company of Messrs. E. Brown and Sons, Queensway, Southampton.



Tables showing incidence of disease and condemnations are set out in Appendix, Tables VI, VII, VIII and X.

Revenues from the slaughterhouse towards Meat Inspections totalled £951 9s. 6d.

### **Poultry Inspection**

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

### **Alton Market**

The Food Stalls in the Market Square and on Messrs. Martin and Stratfords market continued to give a service and no infringements required statutory action.

One fresh fish purveyor was instructed to pack-up and several others wishing to sell open fish and meat were prevented from establishing a stall as the facilities available would not comply with the Regulations.

Food offered for sale in the Auction Hall was inspected regularly and some rabbits and poultry were condemned.

(see Appendix Table IV).

### **Food and Drugs**

The Hampshire County Council is the authority responsible for the operation of Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, namely any food and drug not being of the nature or substance or of the quality demanded by the purchaser. I am indebted to Mr. J. S. Preston M.I.W.M.A., Chief Sampling Officer of the Hampshire County Council for his report as follows :—

During the year ended the 31st March, 1970, 49 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Alton Urban District Council.

#### **Milk Samples**

14 samples of milk, including six of Channel Islands, were obtained. All were found to be satisfactory.

#### **Miscellaneous Samples**

35 samples of articles other than milk were obtained, one being the subject of an adverse report.

This sample was submitted as a result of a consumer complaint and was an opened tin of spaghetti bolognese, the contents of which consisted almost wholly of sauce. Other tins of the same product were found to be satisfactory. The complaint was referred to the manufacturers and although the actual cause could not be established, it was accepted that something abnormal had occurred when the particular tin was being filled.



## **General**

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the Provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. There were no serious complaints concerning these matters.

## **SECTION IV**

### **Pest Control**

Numbers of infestations by rats and mice for the year 1969 increased, notably in dwelling houses. Possibly the reason for this is the increasing use of central heating thereby attracting these pests. Mice still remain the most difficult to control.

The sewers of the town received another baiting which proved them to be fairly rodent free, but where found to be infested a full course of treatment was given until all signs of rats had disappeared. Mole control by trapping was also quite successful and throughout the County there is an increase of mole movement. The oddest complaint of the year was a tame Jackdaw which was attacking school children. Advice was given.

**APPENDIX**  
**TABLE I**  
**Factories Act, 1961**

**Registered Premises and Inspections**

| Premises<br>(1)                                                                                                    | Number<br>on<br>Register<br>(2) | Number of          |                |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                    |                                 | Inspections<br>(3) | Notices<br>(4) | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted<br>(5) |
| (i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities ... ..                   | 2                               | 7                  | -              | -                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..                    | 51                              | 28                 | -              | -                              |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... .. | -                               | -                  | -              | -                              |
| Total...                                                                                                           | 53                              | 35                 | -              | -                              |

**Cases in which Defects were found**

| Particulars<br>(1)                                                                  | Number of cases in which defects were found |                 |                                         |                             | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted<br>(6) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                     | Found<br>(2)                                | Remedied<br>(3) | Referred<br>To H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(4) | By H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(5) |                                                              |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) ... ..                                                    | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| Overcrowding (S.2) ... ..                                                           | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3)                                                      | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4)                                                        | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..                                         | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)                                                         | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| (a) Insufficient ... ..                                                             | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective                                                         | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| (c) Not separate for sexes                                                          | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) ... .. | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |
| Total...                                                                            | -                                           | -               | -                                       | -                           | -                                                            |

**Outwork**

| Nature of Work                | Section 133                                                            |                                                            |                                                        |                                                         | Section 134           |                     |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                               | No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)<br>(2) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council<br>(3) | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists<br>(4) | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises<br>(5) | Notices served<br>(6) | Prosecutions<br>(7) |
| Making Wearing Apparel<br>(1) |                                                                        |                                                            |                                                        |                                                         |                       |                     |
| Total...                      | 18                                                                     | -                                                          | -                                                      | -                                                       | -                     | -                   |

**TABLE II**

**Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act**

| Class of Premises                             | No. of prem.<br>regd. during<br>the year | Total no. of<br>regd. prem.<br>at end of<br>year | No. of<br>persons<br>employed | No. of regd.<br>prem. receiv-<br>ing a general<br>inspection<br>during year | No. of visits<br>of all kind<br>to regd.<br>premises |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Offices                                       | 6                                        | 45                                               | 261                           | 23                                                                          | 102                                                  |
| Retail Shops                                  | 3                                        | 90                                               | 485                           | 40                                                                          |                                                      |
| Wholesale Shops                               |                                          |                                                  |                               |                                                                             |                                                      |
| Warehouses                                    | -                                        | 4                                                | 8                             | 2                                                                           |                                                      |
| Catering Establishments<br>open to the public |                                          |                                                  |                               |                                                                             |                                                      |
| Canteens                                      | 1                                        | 13                                               | 106                           | 6                                                                           |                                                      |
| Fuel Storage Depots                           | 1                                        | 2                                                | 8                             | 1                                                                           |                                                      |
| Totals                                        | 11                                       | 154                                              | 868                           | 72                                                                          |                                                      |

**TABLE III**

**Pet Animals Act, 1951**

**Licence Holders**

|                                  |     |     |     |                           |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| Mr. E. Deller                    | ... | ... | ... | Alton Market.             |
| M. A. Rose & Son (Farnham), Ltd. | ... | ... | ... | 23, Market Street.        |
| Messrs. Martin & Stratford       | ... | ... | ... | Alton Market.             |
| Mr. H. J. Smith                  | ... | ... | ... | 124, London Road, Alton.  |
| Mr. & Mrs. R. Fielding           | ... | ... | ... | 1, Normandy Street, Alton |

**Local Government Act, 1894**

**Game Dealers Licence Holders**

|                            |     |     |     |                      |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Messrs. Martin & Stratford | ... | ... | ... | Alton Market.        |
| Messrs. P. L. Mortara      | ... | ... | ... | 64, High Street.     |
| Mr. K. Reed                | ... | ... | ... | 4, Normandy Street.  |
| Mr. G. Ware                | ... | ... | ... | 29, Market Street.   |
| Joyce & Lucas Ltd.         | ... | ... | ... | 78c High Street.     |
| Mr. W. Morgan              | ... | ... | ... | 18/20 Market Street. |

**Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964**

**Registered Metal Dealers Premises**

|              |     |     |     |     |                                |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| Mr. F. Lee   | ... | ... | ... | ... | Mill Lane.                     |
| Mr. H. Davis | ... | ... | ... | ... | Mount Pleasant Road.           |
| Mr. C. Gale  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1, Cut Pound,<br>Tanhouse Lane |



**TABLE IV**

**Housing Acts.**

|                                                                           |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (a) Unfit houses demolished                                               | -  |
| Unfit houses closed                                                       | -  |
| (b) Improvement Area No. 1                                                |    |
| Number of houses included in area                                         | 87 |
| Number of tenanted houses lacking one or more of the essential ammenities | 27 |
| Number of Preliminary Improvement Notices served                          | 26 |
| Number of Suspended Notices issued                                        | -  |
| Works Completed                                                           | 6  |
| (c) Outside Improvement Area                                              |    |
| Improvements completed                                                    | -  |

**TABLE V**

**Council Dwellings Allocation.**

| Allocations             |    | Source of Accommodation      |    |
|-------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| From Waiting List       | 34 | New Dwellings                | 2  |
| From Key Workers        | -  | Vacancies                    | 36 |
| For Staff               | 4  | Tenancy Tranf'rs & Exchanges | 41 |
| Exchanges and Transfers | 41 |                              |    |
| Total                   | 79 | Total                        | 79 |

**TABLE VI**  
**Voluntary Surrender of Unsound Food.**

|                                     |     |     | Tons | cwts. | Ibs. | Tons | cwts. | Ibs. |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| 1. Meat :                           |     |     |      |       |      |      |       |      |
| (a) Slaughterhouse                  |     |     |      |       |      |      |       |      |
| (i) carcase meat ...                | ... | ... | 10   | 8     | -    |      |       |      |
| (ii) offal ...                      | ... | ... | 3    | -     | -    | 13   | 8     | -    |
| (b) Wholesale premises              |     |     |      |       |      |      |       |      |
| (i) carcase meat ...                | ... | ... | -    | -     | -    |      |       |      |
| (ii) offal ...                      | ... | ... | -    | -     | -    | -    | -     | -    |
| (c) Retail shops                    |     |     |      |       |      |      |       |      |
| (i) carcase meat ...                | ... | ... | -    | 1     | 40   |      |       |      |
| (ii) offal ...                      | ... | ... | -    | -     | -    | -    | 1     | 40   |
| 2. Cooked Meat and meat products    |     |     |      |       |      | -    | -     | -    |
| 3. Canned Meats ...                 | ... | ... |      |       |      | -    | -     | 54   |
| 4. Other canned foods ...           | ... | ... |      |       |      | -    | 2     | 36   |
| 5. Fish (fresh) ...                 | ... | ... |      |       |      | -    | -     | -    |
| 6. Fruit and vegetables (fresh) ... | ... | ... |      |       |      | -    | -     | -    |
| 7. Other foods ...                  | ... | ... |      |       |      | -    | 4     | 24   |
| Total                               |     |     |      |       |      | 13   | 16    | 42   |

**TABLE VII**  
**Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960**

| Type of Business    | No. of Premises | Reg. 16                   | Regulation 19                |                           |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                     |                 | Premises Fitted To Comply | Premises to which Applicable | Premises Fitted to Comply |
| Caterers ...        | 13              | 13                        | 13                           | 13                        |
| Butchers ...        | 11              | 11                        | 11                           | 11                        |
| Fishmongers ...     | 2               | 2                         | 2                            | 2                         |
| Grocers ...         | 29              | 29                        | 29                           | 29                        |
| Greengrocers ...    | 10              | 10                        | 10                           | 10                        |
| Bakehouses ...      | 2               | 2                         | 2                            | 2                         |
| Breadshops ...      | 3               | 3                         | 3                            | 3                         |
| Breweries ...       | 3               | 3                         | 3                            | 3                         |
| Hotels ...          | 7               | 7                         | 7                            | 7                         |
| Canteens ...        | 2               | 2                         | 2                            | 2                         |
| School Canteens ... | 7               | 7                         | 7                            | 7                         |
| Public Houses ...   | 13              | 13                        | 13                           | 13                        |
| Off Licences ...    | 5               | 5                         | 5                            | 5                         |
| Slaughterhouses ... | 1               | 1                         | 1                            | 1                         |
| Egg Stations ...    | 1               | 1                         | 1                            | 1                         |
| Market Stalls ...   | 7               | 7                         | -                            | -                         |
| Food Auctions ...   | 1               | 1                         | -                            | -                         |
| Confectioners ...   | 7               | 7                         | 7                            | 7                         |
| Chemists ...        | 3               | 3                         | 3                            | 3                         |
| Mobile Traders ...  | 3               | 3                         | -                            | -                         |

**TABLE VIII**

**Animal Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.**

|                                                                                             | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Number Killed and Inspected ... ..                                                          | 3270   | 1635   | 5253  | 9181  |
| <b>All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci :</b>                                            |        |        |       |       |
| Whole carcass condemned ... ..                                                              | 26     | 49     | 23    | 73    |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..                                  | 1715   | 2      | 526   | 1347  |
| Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than T.B. or Cysticerci ... | 53.2%  | 3.12%  | 10.5% | 15.4% |
| <b>Tuberculosis only :</b>                                                                  |        |        |       |       |
| Whole carcasses condemned ... ..                                                            | -      | -      | -     | -     |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..                                  | -      | -      | -     | 102   |
| Percentage of the number inspected infected with T.B. ... ..                                | ..     | -      | .     | 1.1%  |
| <b>Cysticercosis :</b>                                                                      |        |        |       |       |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..                                  | -      | -      | -     | -     |
| Carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration ... ..                                   | -      | -      | -     | -     |
| Generalised and totally condemned ... ..                                                    | -      | -      | .     | -     |



TABLE IX

Animal Diseases for which Whole Carcases and Organs were  
Condemned.

| Disease                   | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs | Total |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| Abscesses ... ..          | -      | -      | -     | 24   | 24    |
| Bruising ... ..           | 4      | 4      | -     | -    | 8     |
| Decomposition ... ..      | -      | -      | -     | 20   | 20    |
| Emaciation ... ..         | 2      | -      | -     | 4    | 6     |
| Immaturity ... ..         | -      | 10     | -     | -    | 10    |
| Jaundice ... ..           | 2      | -      | -     | -    | 2     |
| Moribund ... ..           | -      | -      | -     | 8    | 8     |
| Oedema ... ..             | 3      | 6      | 2     | -    | 11    |
| Oedema Emaciation ...     | 4      | -      | 10    | -    | 14    |
| Pyæmia ... ..             | 1      | 14     | 2     | -    | 17    |
| Pyelonephritis ... ..     | -      | -      | -     | 2    | 2     |
| Pyrexia ... ..            | 7      | 12     | 4     | -    | 23    |
| Septicæmia ... ..         | -      | 1      | -     | 2    | 3     |
| Septic Mastitis ... ..    | 1      | -      | 3     | -    | 4     |
| Septic Metritis ... ..    | 1      | -      | -     | -    | 1     |
| Septic Peritonitis ... .. | -      | -      | -     | 3    | 3     |
| Septic Pleurisy ... ..    | -      | -      | 2     | 8    | 10    |
| Septic Pneumonia ... ..   | 1      | 2      | -     | 2    | 5     |
|                           | 26     | 49     | 23    | 73   | 171   |

**TABLE X**

**Animal Diseases for which Organs and Part Carcases were  
Condemned.**

| Disease                   | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs | Total |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| <b>Heads :</b>            |        |        |       |      |       |
| Abscess ... ..            | 6      | -      | -     | 20   | 26    |
| Actino Bacillosis ... ..  | 8      | -      | -     | 4    | 12    |
| Bruising ... ..           | 2      | 1      | -     | -    | 3     |
| Degenerated Cysts ... ..  | 5      | -      | -     | -    | 5     |
| Tuberculosis ... ..       | -      | -      | -     | 102  | 102   |
| <b>Lungs :</b>            |        |        |       |      |       |
| Congestion ... ..         | 10     | -      | -     | 10   | 20    |
| Emphysema ... ..          | 4      | -      | -     | -    | 4     |
| Parasitic ... ..          | 25     | -      | 20    | -    | 45    |
| Pleurisy ... ..           | 49     | -      | 60    | 152  | 261   |
| Pneumonia ... ..          | 30     | 1      | 105   | 198  | 334   |
| <b>Hearts :</b>           |        |        |       |      |       |
| Degenerated Cysts ... ..  | 2      | -      | -     | -    | 2     |
| Pericarditis ... ..       | 14     | -      | -     | 30   | 44    |
| <b>Livers :</b>           |        |        |       |      |       |
| Abscess ... ..            | 228    | -      | 4     | 3    | 235   |
| Angioma ... ..            | 314    | -      | -     | -    | 314   |
| Cirrhosis ... ..          | 30     | -      | -     | 3    | 33    |
| Fatty Infiltration ... .. | 12     | -      | -     | -    | 12    |
| Necrosis ... ..           | 5      | -      | -     | 8    | 13    |
| Parasitic ... ..          | 914    | -      | 250   | 617  | 1781  |
| Peritonitis ... ..        | 20     | -      | 68    | 76   | 164   |
| <b>Kidneys :</b>          |        |        |       |      |       |
| Hydronephrosis ... ..     | 20     | -      | -     | 24   | 44    |
| <b>Udders :</b>           |        |        |       |      |       |
| Abscess ... ..            | 5      | -      | -     | 8    | 13    |
| <b>Part Carcases :</b>    |        |        |       |      |       |
| Abnormality ... ..        | 2      | -      | -     | -    | 2     |
| Abscess ... ..            | 6      | -      | -     | 48   | 54    |
| Arthritis ... ..          | 4      | -      | 9     | 24   | 37    |
| Bruising ... ..           | 12     | -      | 6     | 12   | 30    |
| Injury ... ..             | 18     | -      | 4     | 8    | 30    |
|                           | 1715   | 2      | 526   | 1347 | 3590  |

**TABLE XI**

**Pest Control**

|                                                      | Local<br>Authority | Non-<br>Agricultural | Agricultural |  | Total |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|-------|
| 1 No. of premises<br>inspected                       | 25                 | 716                  | 1            |  | 742   |
| 2 No. of premises<br>found to be infested<br>by rats | 12                 | 175                  | 1            |  | 188   |
| 3 No. of premises<br>found to be infested<br>by mice | -                  | 37                   | -            |  | 37    |
| 4 No. of inspected<br>premises treated by<br>Council | 12                 | 212                  | 1            |  | 225   |
|                                                      |                    |                      |              |  |       |





